

Poetry.

Mother's Old Hymn.

BY REV. ALFRED J. MOORE.

Through the trembling folds of the twilight
dim
I can hear the strains of that grand old hymn,
Which mother, whose heart is now still and
cold,
Sang amidst her cares in the days of old.
When the cross was heavy and hard to bear,
When in spite of reason, and faith, and
prayer,
The weeping tears filled her eyes to the brim,
She would chant a strain of that grand old
hymn.

The pathos that saddens the palm of seas,
With the joy of the springtide's melodies,
And the triumph of chorister seraphim,
Alternately flowed through mother's old
hymn.

No master of song had attuned her tongue,
But her heart went out in the hymn she sung,
And it changed into light the cloudy days,
The water of grief to the wine of praise.

There was something about it to woo and
win
The wanderer back from the paths of sin,
And the careless believer rose to trim
The lamp in his soul when he heard that
hymn.

There was something about it, undefined,
That charmed into quiet the troubled mind,
O'er the bleak heart breathed with a spirit
bland,
Like a warm south wind o'er a frozen land.

And crowning it all was a strange, deep chord,
Like the throbbing of the heart of the blessed
Lord,
That shed through the fainting soul abroad
A sense of the pitying love of God.

The songs of the singers that fame has
crowded
In the flood of the years are lost and drowned,
But mother's old hymn, every pause and
tone,
With the growth of time has the sweeter
grown.

If care comes in with the face of a foe,
Or a friend turns round and deals me a blow,
Or my heart is sick, and weary each limb,
There's nothing can soothe like mother's old
hymn.

When the days come freighted with naught
but ill,
And my failures weaken my strength of will,
At the sound of mother's old hymn there
springs
The purpose and courage for nobler things.

And it seems not out from the past to come—
An echo only of lips that are dumb—
But down from the home of the glorified
It has always come since the day she died.

We know not the music that spirits hear
As earth is receding and heaven draws near,
But treading death's valley of shadows dim,
I seek but to hear my mother's old hymn.

Selected Tale.

POLLY MCINTIRE'S FORTUNE.

"Can't you see I'm busy, woman? The
rags are there to be looked over,
if they are dirty," cried Overseer
Keeler, sharply.

"But!"
"No 'buts,' go back to your work,
Sarah O'Neil!"

"Yes sir, to be sure, sir," and the
little old woman almost ran toward
the stairway that led up to the room in
which the rags for the great paper mill
were sorted. It was a bewildering
place, full of chlorine tainted steam,
and Sarah O'Neil never went into it
without shuddering. She dodged
this way and that to avoid now a shaft,
now a wheel, or a swiftly running belt,
but it was hard for her to avoid all the
dangers, for she was sixty-five,
and when one is that age one's eye-
sight is not so keen as it was at twenty.

"Look out!" cried one of the work-
men warily. Sarah sprang to one
side, and in a moment her gown was
caught by a great revolving shaft that
was behind her. She made no outcry,
the horror was too great, but in a
twinkling the watchful overseer had
caught her in his sinewy arms, and
was shouting only as he could shout,
"To the gate! Shut down the
gate!"

It was all over in a few minutes.—
The great shaft was still. The hum,
and whirr, and clatter died away, but
almost every shred of clothing was
torn from Sarah O'Neil's slender body
and she was quite inebriated.

They laid her on a heap of rags and
sent for the young doctor who had an
office over the chemist's shop, which
was near by.

"If her eyes want't eb, she'd look
jes' I've seen her beaps uv times, a
stan'in ag'in a fence with a quart dol-
lar's wuth uv opium down," said one.

"Don't!" cried a young girl who
was supporting the gray head upon
her breast. "You'd take opium if
you had seen the trouble she has.
She may hear you, and she wouldn't
hurt the feelings of a girl."

The dim eyes opened, and gazed in-
to the girl's pitying face.
"The Lord bless ye, Polly McIntire
and sive ye a happy fortin!" she
murmured, and lapsed again into un-
consciousness.

"She'll die of nerve shock," said the
young doctor gravely. "No, she is
not bruised severely. It is her nerves.
You had better take her home, she
cannot live longer than a day."

And then, as no one seemed to know
what to do, he wrapped the poor crea-
ture in the rough bales in which rags
are shipped, laid her in an empty cart
that was passing, and took her him-
self to the miserable hotel she called
home, while the great paper mill be-
gan its customary clash and burry.

"Real tea for supper, Granny, and
gingerbeer?" Oh, how did you ever do
it?" cried Polly McIntire, almost dan-
cing up and down before her grand-
mother, regardless of her wet shoes
and dripping garments. "How s'le-
ndid, after such a day. Sarah O'Neil
hurt and all of us scolded, though no

one was to blame but Jane Ryan.
But you didn't tell me, Granny, how
you did it."

"Kittin' millions for all the Mark-
hams. Eleven pairs," chirruped
Grandmother McIntire as she trotted
about getting supper. "An' so you
was scolded. Well, well, there's al-
ways something lappin' over like in
faulds. An' men, like, to scold, an'
women do too, for that matter. What
said Sarah O'Neil?"

"Caught her dress on the main shaft
down stairs. She wasn't crushed,"
explained Polly, in answer to her
grandmother's startled glance. "Jack
Wheeler caught her and held her, but
she'll die of the shock, the doctor says.
Oh, Granny, how glad I'll be when I
can do something besides sort rags."

Grandmother McIntire sighed, and
pressed Polly in her thin arms.

"But it can't be changed to-night,"
and Polly, starting up, wiped away the
tears that would come. "If all our
folks are dead and all our money's
gone, I've got you, an' you've got me,
and I'm sure something good will
come of the happy fortin' Sarah O'-
Neil wished me"—and she drew out
the little cherry table, spread a cloth
that had once been handsome damask
upon it, and set out the dishes in a
twinkling.

Each plate, cup and saucer was
wreathed in red and yellow roses, and
every piece had been brought from
Scotland by Grandmother McIntire's
mother. The old lady never wearied
of telling Polly about the voyage, of
the close-built streets of Edinburgh,
and of the quaint stone houses in which
she was born, till Polly imagined that
she too could remember Scotland, and
some of the countless cousins about
whom her grandmother was always
talking.

"Home's lovely to-night," said Polly,
snuggling close to her grandmoth-
er's side, as they sat down at the table.

"If I only didn't have to work in that
mill!"

"Granny, you won't have to very
long. What I feel always comes true.
I was just so with my feyther," and
the old lady's voice took on a mysteri-
ous tone that impressed her listener.

There's a good many McIntires and
McLeans living yet, there must be
some of 'em in this country, though
I've lost all track of 'em. You'll come
to your own again, but 'twon't be in
my time."

"I don't want good times and you
not in 'em," wailed Polly.

"Seventy-two ain't young," said
Grandmother McIntire, with the dis-
passionate calm of age. "An' young
folks get over things. It's right an'
natural, an' not to be ag'inat." She
had been peering into her tea-cup as
she spoke. "Here it is as plain as
print. Good news an' a fortin'. Folks
can say what they please. I've seen
things come to pass 'twas dreamed,
an' seen in tea leaves."

They sat up late before the scan-
ty fire, while the rain fell heavily
on the low roof, and rattled spitefully
against the narrow windows as if it
scorned the people who dwell in such
a mean house.

Grandmother McIntire talked about
Scotland and the excellences of her
family for the thousandth time. "Oh,"
howled the wind as he blew around the
chimney, "Do hear 'em!" and the old
lady, shivering at the sound, said weari-
ly, "It's time to go to bed, grand-da-
ter. It's a great thing to be born a
McIntire, with the McLeans for kin-
folk on the mother's side, for they are
my family and your mother's too, re-
member. Live up to your birthright,
dearie. What I feel always comes
true."

It was a dreary morning, damp and
cold, and when Polly opened the heavy
doors of the paper-mill, the steaming
odors seemed more sickening than
usual.

She was a few minutes late, and as
she mounted the stairs she heard Jane
Ryan's husky voice:

"Sorry a bit uv comfort did she tak'
wid all her bein' so savin' an' honest.
I arnes cheerful an' I spinde cheerful
and that's the way gurilla as picks rags
had ought to. They're born to hard
fortin' anyhow."

A chorus of sighs and groans greeted
this speech, when Jane turned on Polly
with an angry frown.

"Here ye be late, Polly McIntire,
an' a power uv work waitin', we shori-
a hand by the dith of Sarah O'Neil!"—
here Jane's sharp voice suddenly took
on a lugubrious tone, ludicrous to
hear:

"It's a beautiful corpse she makes,
an' it's a fine buryin' she'll have; for
her brother Mike, an' it's a sweet-
spoken man he is, he sez to me, 'Miss
Ryan, sez he, 'It's a widdener I be,'
sez he, 'wid no incumbrances at all,
an' Sarah O'Neil shall be buried dan-
cily,' sez he, 'wid as fine a wake as
anybody, an' we'll have a beautiful
solemn time,' sez he."

"He ought to do something for her,"
said Polly. "Sarah has supported him
this good while."

"I don't believe it!" cried Jane an-
grily. "An' now do ye go at thim
rags in the corner."

"Those!" cried Polly, pointing to a
specially filthy heap. "Why, those
were Sarah's."

"'Twas complainin' uv thim rags
she was to the boss, whin Sarah was
kilt," said one of the girls.

"Them rags ain't fit to be teched
with the tongue," said Lavina Smith,
who always expressed her opinion of
everything. "If they ain't full of
something, I'll lose my guess."

"I was the boss himself said they
was to be picked," replied Jane Ryan

with shrill emphasis, "An' Polly Mc-
Intire's to pick 'em I say."

It was a long, narrow room, poorly
lighted by two windows at the front.
About twenty women and girls were
busily sorting rags in different parts of
it, and from the heaps rose a sicken-
ing, pungent dust. Five of the older
women directed the work, and were to
a limited degree responsible for its
performance.

Jane Ryan was one of the five, and
Polly was subject to her authority.—
That Polly loathed her work was evi-
dent, and Jane gave her the most dis-
agreeable tasks, partly because she
hated her for her superiority to her
surroundings, and partly because every-
thing Polly did was well done.

The dismal morning was at last end-
ed, and as the noon bell rang and
Polly slowly rose, she saw something
shining deep down in the heap of
rags. The corner was very dark, but
the "something" twinkled with light.

Things found in the rags were al-
ways claimed by the head women, but
Overseer Keeler had declared over
and over again, they rightly belonged
to the finder.

Polly hastily slipped the shining
treasure into her pocket, and as she
ate her luncheon in the mill, deter-
mined to wait till night before she ex-
amined it.

As it was pay night Polly started
for home late. The wintry air was
full of foul smells. Discordant sounds
and hateful sights made the streets
through which she had to pass horri-
ble, and when she entered her own
poor neighborhood, a spasm of fear
shook her, because she saw no light in
the little window by which her grand-
mother always waited her coming.

"Granny!" she cried, advancing
slowly and with outstretched hands
across the little room, "Where are
you, Granny dear?"

The light of a passing lantern
gleamed into the place. There was
everything as usual trim and neat, and
by the window sat Grandmother Mc-
Intire still and straight in her old arm-
chair.

The light went on, and only the
night wind heard the waiting cry:
"Granny, Granny! Speak to me
just once, Granny dear!"

The next moment the house agent,
come to demand his rent, found Polly
lying quite unconscious at her dead
grandmother's feet.

When Polly came to herself, she was
in a narrow bed in a plain, bare room,
and over her was bending the same
pleasant-faced young doctor whose of-
fice was over the chemist's shop.

"She'll live, and thanks to you,
Newcomb, will wear few scars," he
was saying to the fat woman in a
nurse's cap and apron, who stood at
his side.

The climb back to health was slow,
so slow that soft rings of hair covered
Polly's head, which during her sick-
ness had been shaven quite bare. But
one pleasant morning a cross and dog-
matic old doctor pronounced her well
and with her little bundle of clothes,
which the young doctor had carefully
disinfected, she was dismissed from
the hospital.

Nurse Newcomb sent her to a woman
who she thought would be kind
to her, and give her lodging; but when
after weary wanderings she found the
place, repeated knocking failed to
bring anybody to the door, and a tired-
looking old man chopping wood in the
next yard called out to her in a high
melancholy whisper, "Ain't 't'um—
She ain't 't'um."

Polly then went to the paper-mill,
and was utterly told that her place was
filled. She hurried from one shop to
another vainly trying to work late in
the afternoon; and at last, worn out
and discouraged, sat down on the nar-
row flight of stairs that led up to the
long iron bridge that crossed the river.

She watched the swallows flitting
about beneath its arches, and envied
them, while she dully wondered where
she could go in that city of homes, and
spend the night.

Even in the neighborhood where
she had lived, she did not know a fami-
ly well enough to ask them for a lodg-
ing without offering payment for it,
and she was quite penniless.

Suddenly she remembered that she
had found something in the rags. She
tore open her tiny bundle, and thrust
her hand into her working dress pocket,
and drew out of it something
wrapped in a tiny bit of silk. She
could not recollect doing it up in the
silk, but there it was safe and shining
as ever.

Some of Jane Ryan's maxims came
into her mind as she turned it over
and over, "Fidjias is fidjias, and
niver had an owner," and "Kape all
ye get, and get all you can."

And then the remembrance of her
proud old grandmother and her popu-
lar life filed her mind. The trinket
was plainly marked, evidently some-
one was regretting the loss keenly.

"Oh, if I only had two cents,"
groaned Polly, getting up feebly, "for
I can't, I can't keep it."

"Why, Polly, I've been looking for
you," cried a cheery voice. "Have
you started out to seek your fortune?"

It was the young doctor whose of-
fice was over the chemist's shop, and
he was holding out his hand.

"Tain't that I love pomps and vani-
ties, Solomon," said tiny Mrs. Patrick,
peering at her husband from behind
her tea-urn, "and it ain't that I'm
given up to the things of this world.
But that pin was given to me by my
brother, Alec McLean, the captain,
now dead and gone. It ain't that it

had come from Paris, or that it cost
money, which it did, and more than
grows on every bush, but my brother
Alec McLean gave it to me, and it
was becomin', though I do say it."

"Have you looked thorough, Low-
izy, in all your tuckin' places?" asked
Solomon, who was a large, slow and
methodical man. "It 'pears to me
you orler hed some place ter keep such
things."

"I do have a place, several places,"
wept Mrs. Patrick.

"Well, well, don't cry, Lowizy,"
said her husband, pushing away from
the table, and beginning to pin up all
his pockets in such a way their edges
presented a brilliant row of pin points.

"I'm going to the city to advertise for
those relations of yore. What a pity
'tis you ain't of the direct branch of
the family!" Solomon spoke regret-
fully. "There's no knowin' what sort
of a McLean may turn up, an' ten
thousand dollars is a nice little prop-
erty for a female. But what is, is, I s'pose
Now, if you are surtain that pin is
lost!"

"I've looked high and low for it,"
sobbed Mrs. Patrick.

"Then I'll put that in the advertise-
ment, too. How high do you suppose
it come, anyhow?"

"I don't know. The diamonds
were true," quavered Mrs. Patrick.
"That's the reason I took such care of
it."

The next day the following curious
advertisement appeared in the New-
town Herald:

\$20 Reward.—Lost. A small dia-
mond pin marked on the back L. P.
from A. McL. Also information wanted
of the heir of the late Alexander
McLean, of Edinburgh.

(Signed.)
SOLOMON PATRICK,
of Brambleton.

This advertisement appeared daily
for three months, then as no news
came of the missing brooch, or the
heir of Alexander McLean, Solomon
being of a thrifty habit, discontinued it.

Brambleton was one of those quaint,
out-of-the-way ports, that modern
commerce has abandoned. On each
side of the grassy streets were old
homesteads in which some descend-
ants of the early settlers lingered. Ar-
tists and literary folk sometimes visit-
ed it, but excepting once in many
years a clergyman, there never was a
new resident in Brambleton.

Solomon Patrick's house was a large,
wooden, gambrel-roofed affair, painted
yellow, and standing away from the
street behind a row of locusts. In the
old-fashioned parlors were heavy ma-
hogany sofas, and quaint cabinets of
curiosities, and on the walls were
many portraits of dead and buried
Patricks, and a few that Mrs. Patrick
considered of far more consequence,
really fine portraits of members of her
own family, the McLeans.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick had always
talked of adopting a child, but there
were few children in Brambleton.—
Certainly there were none to adopt,
and the only young relatives who could
visit them was a busy doctor in New-
town, the city ten miles away; so when
a tall young Miss, who was evidently
a stranger in the place, came slowly
up the gravelled walk and lifted the
great brass knocker, Mrs. Patrick was
so full of delight and curiosity, she
opened the door almost before it fell.

"Yes, I'm Mrs. Patrick; walk right
into the parlor, you look cold," said
the little woman in answer to Polly's
inquiry, for it was she, looking very
bright and excited. "Have you been
sick, I see you look delicate, and do
you live in Brambleton?"

"No, ma'am, in Newton," said
Polly, standing in the middle of the
parlor, though Mrs. Patrick asked her
twice to be seated. "I've come to
fetch you something, and she drop-
ped a tiny package done up in a bit
of silk into Mrs. Patrick's hand.

"The very identical!" cried the lit-
tle woman. "Well, I never saw the
best! My diamond pin!" and she
turned the trinket over and over,
"How did you come by it?"

"I found it in the rags at the paper-
mill at Newton."

"Rags!" interrupted Mrs. Patrick.
"There, now, I recollect I put it in
my scrap bag myself the night after
the bank was robbed at Barnegate.
I wanted to put it in a safe place, and
I do believe I sold those rags to Dex-
ter Plum the next day."

"I found it over three months ago,
but Granny—Granny!"—Polly had
raised her eyes to the portrait hung
wall. Was it Granny's dear face she
saw? She stretched out her arms with
a long sobbing cry. "Oh Granny,
dear Granny McIntire speak!"

A brisk step came along the hall.
"Well, Aunt Louise," said a pleas-
ant voice, "what do you say to getting
back the brooch at the hands of Miss
McIntire, grandniece and heiress of
Edinburgh?"

It was the young doctor whose office
was over the chemist's shop.

It took all Dr. Charles Patrick's
power of explanation to make the
fact clear to his uncle and aunt, and
to Polly herself, for she was ignorant
of her impending good fortune when
she returned the brooch; but he suc-
ceeded at last, for Polly had glibly
told him all she knew, and he had
managed to verify her statements.

When the happy day came to an
end, and he must take the train back
to Newton, Solomon said to him in
his low way:

"We're bleeged to ye, nephew, for
the trouble you've took, and I think—

if Lowizy thinks it's best, that's Pol-
ly's alone like she'd better stay right
here with us, and we'll look after her
ill—well, till something permanent
can be arranged."

Five years have passed. Polly is
twenty-one now, and she has become
a tall young lady, graceful and accom-
plished. She is yet in her Brambleton
home, and is "our Polly" to Mr. and
Mrs. Patrick, and the light of their
eyes; but Dr. Charles Patrick comes
up from Newton twice a week, and it
looks as if "something permanent"
would be arranged.

"Say So."

When Dr. Griffin was president of
Williams College, a young collegian
was introduced into his august pres-
ence, and handed, with becoming dif-
fidence, his elegantly written them-
esis for the ordeal of the doctor's criti-
cism. The discerning eye of the pre-
sident passed quickly over the first sen-
tence, and with a benign look he turned
to his pupil and said, "Murray,
what do you mean by this sentence?"

"I mean so and so," blushing re-
plied the young student.

"Then say so," replied his instruct-
or, drawing his heavy pen through
line after line, striking out a third of
the long and elaborate paragraph.—
Reading the next, "What do you
mean by this, Murray?" inquires the
critic.

"Doctor, I mean so and so," replies
the trembling youth.

"Then please say so," again draw-
ing his inexorable pen over the care-
fully written lines.

And so the soaring manuscript came
from the doctor's hands with clipped
wings. The trying scene was not lost
on the embarrassed young man, who
accepted the lesson to his profit; and
much that distinguished Dr. Griffin as
one of our most vigorous, concise,
and pointed preachers and writers may
be well attributed to Dr. Griffin's "say
so," of his college days.

Cast a Line for Yourself.

A young man stood listlessly watch-
ing some anglers on a bridge. He
was poor and dejected. At last ap-
proaching a basket filled with whole-
some-looking fish he sighed:

"If, now, I had these, I would be
happy. I could sell them at a fair
price, and buy me food and lodgings."

"I will give you just as many, and
just as good fish," said the owner, who
had chanced to overhear his words,
"if you will do me a trifling favor."

"And what is that?" asked the oth-
er.

"Only to tend this line till I come
back. I wish to go on a short er-
rand."

The proposal was gladly accepted.
The old man was gone so long that the
young man began to be impatient.—
Meanwhile the hungry fish snapped
greedily at the baited hook, and the
young man lost all his depression in
the excitement of pulling them in; and
when the owner of the line returned
he had caught a large number.—
Counting out from them as many as
were in the basket, and presenting them
to the young man, the old fish-
erman said:

"I fulfil my promise from the fish
you have caught, to teach you, when-
ever you see others earning what you
need, waste no time in fruitless wish-
ing, but cast a line for yourself."

A physician, finding a lady reading
"Twelfth Night," said, "When Shak-
spere wrote about Patience on a
monument, did he mean doctor's pa-
tients?" "No," she answered.—
"You don't find them on monuments;
but under them."

PUBLIC LAWS OF RHODE ISLAND.

PASSED AT THE JANUARY SESSION.
CHAPTER 338.
AN ACT in amendment of Chapter 65 of the
Public Statutes, "Of repairing highways
and bridges."

(Passed March 20, 1884.)
It is enacted by the General Assembly, as fol-
lows: Section 1. Section 42 of Chapter 65 of the
Public Statutes is hereby amended so as to
read as follows: "Section 42. Hope, Patience
and Hog Islands are exempted from the op-
eration of the preceding provisions of this
chapter."

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from and
after its passage.

CHAPTER 339.
AN ACT in amendment of and in addition to
Chapter 166, of the Public Statutes, enti-
tled "Of the property of married women
and of the disposition of the same."
(Passed March 21, 1884.)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as fol-
lows: Section 1. Section 3 of Chapter 166 of
the Public Statutes is hereby amended so as
to read as follows, viz: "Sec. 3. The receipt or discharge of
the husband for the rents and profits of such
property shall be a sufficient receipt or dis-
charge therefor, unless previous notice in
writing shall be given by the wife to the
lessee, debtor or incorporated company, from
whom such rents or profits are payable. And
in all cases the sole and separate receipt, or
order or discharge of the wife for the payment
and delivery to her, or to any person under
her order, of her own property, including
moneys on deposit or due, or owing to her in
or from any savings bank or institution for
savings, or other person whomsoever, whether
secured by mortgage or otherwise, shall be
a sufficient discharge therefor; and she may
in her own name or by her own separate
deed discharge any such mortgage or securi-
ty therefor."

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect immedi-
ately upon its passage.

CHAPTER 400.
AN ACT in amendment of Chapter 147, and
in the repeal of Section 16 thereof, of the
Public Statutes, "Of Certain Fisheries."
(Passed March 20, 1884.)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as fol-
lows: Section 1. Section 16 of Chapter 147 of
the Public Statutes, "Of Certain Fisheries,"
is hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. All acts and parts of acts in con-
sistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect from and
after

The Newport Mercury.

JOHN P. FARMER, Editor and Proprietor.
SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 1884.

Portiologists to elect a policeman. Evidently our City Council believe in valor.

The people of Cincinnati blame Governor Hildreth for his action or rather want of action in the late riots.

One more election is over and the successful ones are happy, and the defeated ones—well it is hard work to tell how they do feel.

The American Institute of Instruction, which is the oldest and largest institute of the kind in the country, will meet at Martha's Vineyard this year July 7th to 10th.

The Providence Press says the result of the election in Providence is perfectly satisfactory. Some people think the same of the election in Newport, while others hold to a different opinion.

The State House of Representatives will be a dull place next year. With Dr. Garvin out there will be no one left to introduce reform measures at the rate of at least half a dozen a day.

C. L. Ames Sprague seems to be able to do more than most people. He has been elected Senator from Warwick; at the same time he is president of the Town Council of Cranston.

An silent known as terminal facilities killed several good Republicans in Providence, Wednesday, and the General Assembly will do well to at once inoculate itself against the disease, because it is spreading rapidly.

The Herreshoff Manufacturing Company of Bristol, are making two steam launches for the Greely relief expedition, and the Bristol Rubber Works are making blankets, knapsacks, overshoes, etc., for the expedition.

We sympathize with ex Mayor Hayward of Providence. But the unfortunate thing for him he was on the wrong side. In this age of intelligence it does not pay to go against the wishes of the people.

The Moderator of the town of North Providence has got himself into trouble. He got mad because a young man under age voted, and burned all the ballots. The case will probably be settled by law.

The House of Representatives has voted to redeem the obnoxious trade dollar at par. The senate will doubtless concur. This will be good news to a vast horde of speculators who now hold this money, having bought it up at eighty-five cents on a dollar. There is to be no diminution in the manufacture of the "buzzard" dollar.

The whisky bill which was defeated a week or so ago by Congress, will force the holders of whisky to pay a large amount of money into the treasury. It is reported that it will bring in nearly twenty millions of dollars in the next three months. The treasury is able to take care of it.

If Tilden will only come out and tell the world whether or not he is in the last stages of disease it will be a blessing to the world. The interviewers are constantly at work on him and none agree. One says he is fat and healthy, languishing for a fight, while the next one has him on the borders of the grave. Now if the "sage of Gramercy" will give us his word for it we will believe him.

The election this year both in this city and in Providence, proves one thing conclusively. It is very little use for the politicians to attempt to deceive the people or go contrary to their will. When packed political caucuses put up men obnoxious to the people, or men whom the people believe will not obey the wishes of the majority, those men are very apt to get left. The election this year was a hard blow to ring rule.

Ex-Speaker Kiefer appears in a bad light. He made serious charges against Gen. Boynton, the head of the Associated Press, in Washington. Gen. Boynton denied the charges and demanded an examination. A committee was appointed by the House, made up of Democrats and Republicans to investigate the charges. They now report unanimously that ex-speaker Kiefer had no grounds whatever for making such charges. Kiefer better try something else next time.

It cannot be denied that Arthur has made a good President. He has by his wise and careful management of the affairs of State brought the Republican party from what was a fair prospect of overwhelming defeat, to a condition where success seems well assured if no mistakes are made in the nomination. For this valuable service Arthur deserves more at the hands of the Republican party than any other man. If the party difficulties in his own State can be settled and the delegation to the Chicago convention secured for him by fair and honorable means, we believe that Arthur will carry the convention by an overwhelming majority. And if nominated he will, without much doubt, be elected. It looks now as though the prospects for the success of the Republican party are better than they have been since the election of President Grant. It stands the party in hand to do nothing that will dampen those prospects.

A TERRIBLE EXPLOSION.

Six Men Instantly Blown to Atoms—Prof. Walter N. Hill, formerly of this city, one of the number.

The explosion of the nitro-glycerine house of the Repaso Chemical Works at Thompson's Point, N. J., on Saturday last, was one of the most destructive explosions which ever took place in this country. The report was distinctly heard at Chester, Pa., and many of the houses in that city were badly shaken. The explosion is supposed to have been caused by too much heat being generated by the nitric acid. This supposition is based on the fact that the six occupants of the building were seen to rush for the door, and were jammed in the passage when the explosion occurred. The six were instantly killed, their bones crushed in a frightful manner. Their names were as follows: Lamotte Dupont, Vice President of the company and connected with the Dupont Powder Works in Delaware; Walter N. Hill, Superintendent of the works; Edward Norcross, compounder of nitro glycerine; George Norcross and Lewis Lay, employees; Mr. Ackerson, a chemist from St. Louis, and a gun-demon named Ashburton. A workman standing on a trestle work not more than 100 feet from the building, when it blew up, was thrown several feet into a field, several large stones lighting all around him. He says he saw the men rushing to the door and heard the report. It appears that Norcross had said during the morning that he did not like the way the dynamite had been working, and that he could not keep the heat down. Nothing remains of the building, which was a two-story frame structure. An excavation sufficient to bury a good-sized house was made in the ground, and houses for half a mile around were badly shattered.

The Cincinnati Riot.

The terrible mob rule in Cincinnati for the past week, has put a great strain upon our free institutions. A murderer by the name of Berner, was sentenced to State Prison for 20 years for committing a cold blooded murder. An indignation meeting was held to protest against the inadequacy of the sentence; when the meeting broke up some of the lawless spirits among the number started for the jail evidently for the purpose of seizing Berner and lynching him. The mob increased momentarily till at last 10,000 people were in the streets. The police were powerless. The militia was called out and a promiscuous shooting began. The attack and defence were kept up until Monday, three days, during which time some seventy-five innocent persons were shot, 150 were wounded, the Court House with valuable records destroyed and a vast amount of other damage done. Several regiments of militia were called to the scene of action and the U. S. troops were under arms to start for the defence of the Government property at a moment's warning. This is probably one of the most disastrous mob attacks that the country ever saw and it will take Cincinnati a long time to rally from such acts of violence. Berner the murderer that had inflamed the mob escaped and is now confined in the penitentiary at Columbus. Peace now reigns there, and the Cincinnati Gazette thus sums up the result. It says:

"The time has come for taking an account for salvage for three days' destruction and terror. First, we have saved our jailful of murderers. We have killed forty-five innocent men and wounded and maimed one hundred and forty-five more, all to save our jailful of murderers. We have burned our three Court House, with records of three-quarters of a century, creating confusion which a whole generation will not suffice to settle. But what is that by the side of a jailful of murderers saved from popular excitement? We have converted a just, popular impulse against the proscription of law before crime into a war between an unauthorized people, incensed to acts of blind vengeance against the authorities who killed them to protect the murderers.

"We have planted in the people's minds a cause of innocent blood crying from the ground, but we have saved our jailful of murderers. We have lost all, but not our jailful of murderers, not having saved even our honor. The reign of law and order is restored in Cincinnati—that law and order which makes murder the safest trade and which has made impotent the administration of law against crimes of atrocity. We have vindicated all practical forms and rules and traps and tricks which make the trial of a murderer a farce and degrade the judiciary, to the sole end of having known and proved murderers saved from conviction and of promoting the trade of criminal lawyers. Is any citizen of Cincinnati content with this salvage, except the jailful of murderers and the criminal class and the criminal lawyers? Is there a decent citizen who feels that these slain citizens should be infamously buried as malefactors, while the jailful of murderers are to be held innocent till, after an exhaustion of all means to put witnesses out of the way and to fix juries, and of every trick of law, they shall have been convicted?

It is said that the names of Vanderbilt, Gould, Rufus Hatch, Henry Ward Beecher, John Kelly and General Butler are associated with Mr. Astor in the projected new gas company for Boston.

Minister Sargent has apparently fallen in love with Bismarck. He says he don't want to go to Russia, Secretary Frelinghuysen will probably say, come home, before long.

Failures For the Past Three Months.

For the first quarter of the present year, ending March 31, the business failures in the United States are reported by R. G. Dunn & Co. of the mercantile agency to number 3296, as against 2846 for the corresponding quarter of last year. The liabilities for the quarter just concluded amount to \$40,000,000 as compared with \$37,000,000 in the first quarter of 1883, an increase of only three millions. In the first quarter of 1882 the failures were 2127, and in the same period of 1881 they numbered 1761. The liabilities for the first quarter of 1883 were \$39,000,000, and for the first quarter of 1881, \$24,000,000. It will be thus seen that, as compared with 1881, the failures for the first quarter of the year have nearly doubled and the liabilities have increased 60 per cent. In Canada, the failures for the first quarter of 1884 number 4601, with liabilities of \$6,006,011, as compared with 398 failures and \$5,356,483 liabilities in the first quarter of 1883, an increase of 63 failures, but a decrease of \$650,000 in liabilities. In Canada, too, the increase, as compared with the first three months of 1881, is very marked. The failures then numbered only 160, with \$2,000,000 of liabilities, showing an increase in 1884 of over 150 per cent, as compared with three years ago.

The granddaughter of the queen, who is to marry the brother of the Russian czar, and to become the sister-in-law of her aunt, the Duchess of Edinburgh, is the Princess Elizabeth Alexandra Louise Alice, second daughter of the Grand Duchess of Hesse. She is not yet twenty years of age, but is exactly like her mother, the Princess Alice, and is said to resemble her closely in intellectual power and in character. She is a great favorite with the queen. The Russian Grand Duke Sergius, whom she is to marry is twenty-seven years of age, a soldier and a man of very determined character. He is popular among the princes of Russia, and great affection is said to exist between him and his sister, the Imperial and royal wife of the Duke of Edinburgh. It is always said, of course, that these marriages are contracts of affection, and no one wishes to say the contrary in this case. But there has been a great deal of family management to bring the match about, and it is peculiarly grateful both to the queen and her daughter-in-law.

Wall street is unhappy. Its condition is pictured in this paragraph from the New York Herald: "At the lunch counter at Delmonico's yesterday there was pointed out a gentleman who stood making a luncheon out of a cake and a glass of water, who two years ago made his wife a Christmas present of \$100,000 in government bonds. He was worth outside of that probably half a million dollars. Today he is without a dollar, his wife's bonds have been thrown into the same hole with his own fortune. Indeed, the lunch room at Delmonico's Broad street is always a pretty accurate barometer of the fortunes of stock brokers. During the flash times from 1879 to the beginning of 1883 the tables there were always crowded from noon till half past one, and at nearly every table champagne was drunk. Now beer is the popular beverage, and the tables are very often deserted, their former patrons preferring to stand at the counter down stairs and indulge in a sandwich or a cake and a cup of coffee."

Professor John K. Lord of Dartmouth College, who, with his family, will spend next year in Europe, was Friday presented with a gold headed cane by the sophomore class of Dartmouth.

The Public debt was reduced about \$12,600,000 in March. A Washington dispatch of March 31st says that a call for ten millions of dollars of the three per cent. bonds may be expected soon.

Sergeant Bates, the flag-bearing nuisance is now in Baltimore with his fourteen year old son, after an uneventful and unremunerative tramp through the Southern and Western States.

Colonel Charles H. Sawyer of Dover, N. H., is prominently spoken of as a candidate for Republican nomination for governor.

Dennis Kearney has so far forgotten himself as to go to work as a porter in a hotel. How are the mighty fallen!

Cuban Reign of Terror.

HAVANA, April 3.—An order has been received from Madrid, reinstating Anibal Aristete, as custom house collector. He is the man who has continuously imposed on American vessels, and who within five months lined merchants \$120,000. Emilian Menez is being court martialed in a Cuban fortress. Many people fearing that they will be shot down like other suspected individuals, have disappeared from their homes. Reports from all parts of the island describe the situation as yearly growing worse. New bands are reported to have risen. The government will soon be obliged to fight such a number of scattered parties of bandits that the troops available will be insufficient. A feeling of distrust and alarm is spreading.

Tidings of Cyclone Fury. MUNICH, Ind., April 3.—The track of the cyclone which destroyed Oakville extended twenty miles and everything was swept before it. There numerous other casualties, but so far as heard no additional fatalities.

Fashions in Carpeting.

At this season of the year, it is a natural desire to replenish the household and to embellish some special room with a new carpet. Perhaps there is no shopping which requires more of the grace of patience than this same selection of a carpet; and, because it is a matter of importance, it is well to think about it a little beforehand. The shape, size, and purpose of the room, the general furnishings, the arrangement of light, the quality and price, must one and all be considered, and then, when one's mind is made up, find out what fashion has to say on the subject. Recent importations of the reliable carpet house of John H. Pray & Sons show a marked change in style from those of last year. Their tone is much grayer and brighter. A reaction has apparently begun; for even the Morris designs, so-called as they are, still are brightly delicate in color and really cheerful in some of their quaint combinations. Among the choicest carpets shown by this firm, English Brussels remains the favorite with conservative buyers; but the Lowell and Bigelow manufactures follow so close it must be an expert to discern any difference, save in price. Indeed, the American fabrics are now considered absolutely perfect. Durable in texture and solid in color, they prove the very best of investments. No home is considered wholly finished without a Woodstock carpet, the most tasteful substitute for Brussels or Persian stuffs that this firm has ever placed before the public. With characteristic enterprise, John H. Pray & Sons monopolize the sale in this country of this noted manufacture; and wherever desires one of these lovely squares for sitting-room or parlor must go to them. The Morris patterns are truly artistic, and the new colors, including not only shades of gray and terra cotta, but clover, pink, and a heavenly blue, with delicate sage green, brown and plum, and other combinations as odd and charming as though they had just grown up in an English garden. Their popularity is so great that the firm have introduced a cheaper kind of carpet called the Kensington Art Ingrain that copies some of these dainty Morris designs, and faithfully reproduces in simple little patterns the tasteful colors of the hand-made goods. These styles are intended for bedrooms and summer residences where inexpensive carpets are required. Much taste and judgment have been exercised by this firm in the selection of goods which shall not merely satisfy millennialists, but please those who have not the purse of a Fortunatus at their command.

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To revenge is no valor, but to bear.

An Interesting Experiment. Having heard Bradley's Phosphoric highly spoken of, but never having used it, I bought a small amount last Spring to try on my corn. The result was in fair condition, and well improved. I did not give it a fair chance, however, using only a handful to three hills. My mistake was in not using it more liberally. The result, so we could not result. It was used to put up stakes, to tell where it was used, but I told him it would not show without them well enough. I did not want any more. I am pleased to say it did show, and from start to finish it was a week or ten days earlier, and produced at least twenty-five per cent more corn. I want more of it another year. Drownville, R. I. W. H. ALLIN.

Men at some time are masters of their fate.

The St. Louis, Mo., Post-Dispatch says, that Mrs. Phoebe Rice, 128 Madison street, a sister of Hon. H. Clay Saxton, Chief St. Louis Fire Department, had been a sufferer from inflammatory rheumatism for seven years; the muscles of her hands and limbs were contracted and she used crutches. By a single application of St. Jacobs Oil she was benefited instantaneously, and finally completely cured.

Plagues are like poppies spread—you seize the flower, the bloom is ead.

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NEWS OF THE WEEK

From all Parts of the World.

Editor Yates Sentenced.

LONDON, April 2.—Mr. Edmund Yates, the editor of the London World, has been sentenced to four months imprisonment for libelling the Earl of Lonsdale. The judgment has been respited pending an appeal upon a point of law.

A Defaulting Postmaster.

EMINENCE, Ky., April 2.—J. F. Randall, Postmaster at Newcastle, Ky., is a defaulter to the amount of \$500 and has disappeared. A Government agent is in possession of the office.

The Election in Minneapolis, Minn.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., April 2.—Estimates from precincts not yet reported, added to the complete returns from sixteen of the twenty-six precincts, gives Pillsbury, Republican, for Mayor, a plurality of 5000, being a Republican gain of 7000 over the election two years ago. The Republicans also elect all their Aldermen and their entire ticket.

Railroad Recklessness.

READING, Pa., April 2.—Ten trackmen returning home last night on the Lebanon Valley Railroad, near Wernersville, Pa., fastened their two hand trucks on to a fast passenger train. On passing a switch while going at a high rate of speed the trucks were thrown from the track and the ten men flew in all directions. Seven of them were badly hurt.

An African Impostor Stopped.

NEW LONDON, Conn., April 2.—Rev. Wm. A. T. Smith, who claims to be an African missionary soliciting money for a home for aged women in Senegambia, was arrested to day, charged with being an impostor. He has recommendations from John B. Gough, Joseph Cook and other well known men, obtained, it is alleged, by fraud. He claims to have been a slave, and that he bought his freedom at the outbreak of the war, and has been a missionary for eighteen years. He collected a large sum of money in this city.

Steamboat Disaster.

COLUMBUS, Ga., April 3.—The steamer Rebecca Everingham, was burned to the water's edge, at Fitzgerald landing, on the Chattahoochee river, forty miles below this city, at 4:15 o'clock this morning. The fire originated in the stern of the steamer, and it is thought from an electric lamp spark. A large number of passengers are lost. Three hundred and seven bales of cotton and a small miscellaneous freight was burned. The boat was valued at \$24,000 and is a total loss with no insurance. There were 16 cabin and nine deck passengers on board. The vessel belonged to the General line and plied on the Chattahoochee river between this city and Apalachicola bay, on the Gulf coast. The passengers who escaped have reached this city, and some of them are severely burned.

Severe Wind Storm in Virginia.

LYNCHBURG, Va., April 3.—A terrific wind storm prevailed throughout this section last night. Several houses were blown down in adjoining counties, and great destruction was caused in the suburbs of this city. Two large tobacco factories were unroofed here. Trees were uprooted and fences destroyed.

Double Hanging in Manitoba.

WINNIPEG, Man., April 3.—A dispatch from Regina, Northwest territory, says: John and George Stephenson were executed there this morning at 8 o'clock, for the murder of an old man named John McCarthy at Troy, on the 14th of June last.

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Cotton Lines (50 feet) 37 and 45 cents each.
Clothes Buckets 12 and 16 cents each.
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Ship Jars 65 cents each.
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Biscuit Carpet Sweepers \$1.85 each.

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Allcock's Porous Plasters 15c. 2 for 25 cents.
Warner's Pills 15c. box, 2 boxes for 25 cents.
Brandreth Pills 15c. box, 2 boxes for 25 cents.
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to suit the most fastidious
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Silk Hats will be sold at cost.

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weight underwear, New Hos-
tery, Rubber Coats, Umbrel-
las, Gold and Silver Head
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In fact you can find just what
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It is said that the largest truck farm in the South is in Louisiana, near New Orleans, where the cultivation of early cabbages, cucumbers and tomatoes for Northern markets is made a specialty. Last season the field was 200 barrels of cucumbers, 10,000 boxes of tomatoes and 170,000 heads of cabbage. In addition, strawberries, peaches, grapes, etc., are cultivated, and an apiary yields a annual production of ten barrels of honey.

Clover and Oak-Leaf Lace.

Recipes for the Table.

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Napoleon's Mock Wedding.

Newport and Amsterdam Merchants
in 1749.

In 1749 Newport was the seat of a vast commerce; its harbor bristled with masted ships; its wharves and streets hummed with the din of traffic; its argosies carried the English flag on every sea. The correspondence of its merchants was eagerly solicited by eminent banking and mercantile firms of Europe, as appears by the following letter from the great Amsterdam house of Thomas and Adrian Hope. This house still exists and is one of the most important money powers in the world. One of its leading members was Henry Hope, a native of this country, son of a Scottish-Irish settler in the colony. In 1761, in connection with the English negotiators, he went to the East Indies, to negotiate the withdrawal of the allied armies, and other loans. The house now maintains intimate financial relations with the governments of Russia and Holland. The "Hope Certificate," as the stocks were called, with which Russia paid its debt to the Dutch bankers, amounted to \$25,000,000. Adrian Elias Hope, born in 1845, is now the head of the house. The Hopes and Barings are closely allied by intermarriages.

AMSTERDAM, 17th May 1749.

"Mr. John Tillingshat- Dear Sir: Our worthy friend, Mr. William Vernon, has been infinitely interested to us that it would be happy to have some opportunity of expressing our correspondence with a Gentleman of your good character, and that he thought you wouldn't refuse to take unless our promising to express our desire for it, we would not slip such a favorable opportunity of doing so. We are now your acquaintance, accordingly you will pardon our improving the same by making you a tender of our best services here, with the assurance that your Interest will always be the particular object of our care and attention, and that you will find us ready to comply with the greatest fidelity and candour in the execution of our friend's orders, which we doubt not, but our friends in your place particular, s'd Mr. Vernon has already expressed his satisfaction of it. We have transacted our affairs of importance, and has always expressed his satisfaction of every part of our conduct. We are, thank God, above the world with regard to innocence, and are perfectly free from anything that might give satisfaction (than that of the universal good character

ter we have acquired, and your intimation of your convenience that our application is not disagreeable will be very acceptable. Our prices are the same as the rest of the goods declined on the first view of the signature Preliminary, but have since taken a little further again, a few weeks before the live price of shipped lowwood covering all percent, and unsold at 12 percent, have since advanced to 15 percent, and the rest sold not higher than 63-10 percent, however it proved a very good bargain for the buyers who have since paid 9 percent for common wool, and we believe our price will continue to extend until we supply the market with goods, and our articles refer to the prices at foot.

We are with much esteem,
Your most obedient humble servant,
THOS. & A. HOVE."

A Genuine Surprise.

Many persons who suffering from Rheumatism or Neuralgia remain indifferent to what will benefit them, because they do not know the value of the cure. Let man or woman despond till Allopahors has been tried. Says Rev. Charles E. Harris, New Haven, Conn. "I was afflicted with acute Rheumatism, but paid no attention to it, regarding the affliction as among a thousand and one other things which I thought would pass off. I was, however, so afflicted that it acted like a charm. Have been free from the disease ever since."

Getting rich on light profits—The gas companies.

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"There is no use crying over spilled milk," says the old saw. If you are not only busy but have no life in the roots of your hair, there is no use crying over that, either. To both time and yourself by the forelock with there is a forelock left. Apply Parker's Hair Balsam to your hair before matters get worse. It will arrest the falling out of your hair, restore the original color, and cause and nothing but perfect growing withal, clean, rich, perfumed, coils and heals the scalp.

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The Hop Plaster will cure Back Ache, all other pains instantly. 25 cts. only, drug store.

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For rough, chapped or chafed skin is **Foot White Glycerine**. It also eradicates all freckles, pimples, black headed worms, patches and all blemishes within or on the skin; it is certainly wonderful, perfectly harmless and pleasant to use.

If a man gets his nose pulled out, it's to make him think of meat (2 week).

How I Felt.

Why two years ago I was just about as afraid of me that my wife and children as I am now. You just want to suffer neuralgia with no relief as I did until I got *Schulpir Bitters*. They cured me and now my wife says I am as weak as a lamb. — *R. Davis, American House, Boston.*

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"Solid comfort" can be realized by t

Women take kindly to the telephone
never disputes their right to the last word

The Chinese Must Go.
And so must humbugs and humbug
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When the weather grows warmer, that nervous tired feeling, want of appetite, dulness, languor, and lassitude, afflict almost the entire human family, and are the result of the blood being impure, and the weak condition of the body, caused by its long battle with the cold, wintry blasts, all call for the reviving, regulating and restoring influence so happily and effectively combined in Hood's Sarsaparilla.

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NEWPORT COUNTY NEWS.

BLACK ISLAND.

MARINE ACCIDENTS.—At 4.30 o'clock last Sunday morning, while struggling in a heavy sea, under close reefed sails, six miles to the southwest of the island, the schooner Ambrose H. Knight, Captain Lyman Farmer, from Boothbay bound south for mackerel fishing, jumped her bowsprit, splitting her mainmast and carrying away her main boom. Capt. Farmer was struck by the boom and severely injured. The vessel finally went down in under the southeast part of the island, and the crew came ashore at the southeast light, reported their situation and asked for assistance. Mr. H. B. Dodge went over to the harbor and took a boat out to the steamer Rescue which he sent to their aid and about 6 o'clock, the stranded vessel was in the bay. Subsequently the Rescue towed her to New London for \$100. The schooner is one year old, of 87 tons burden and numbers 1220.

Fishing smack Nellie B., owned by Mr. Leander Ball of this island and manned by F. W. Grogues, captain; George Ross and a cook, arrived here at 2 o'clock Tuesday morning after a severe battle with the wind and waves. She had not been seen or heard from since Saturday and great fear was entertained for her safety and her arrival Tuesday brought great relief to the many interested in the vessel and her crew.

Capt. R. E. Dodge and four of his crew launched the large surf boat Monday morning and went off to a large, three-masted schooner which had a signal set in her main rigging.

RELIGIOUS.—At the close of the morning service at the Baptist church Sunday, eleven young people were baptized by the pastor. Subsequently they received the right hand of fellowship.

ITEMS.—Mr. A. Rose is building a barn, 30x40 feet near the Woonsocket House.

TIVERTON.

The committee appointed to make out the annual statement of receipts and expenditures for the town up to March 20, 1884, report as follows: Pauper expenses, \$365.47; town farm, \$390.10; miscellaneous, \$12,470.29; schools, \$197.59; highways, \$3005.28; construction and repairs on Asylum buildings, \$8120.89; for damages, &c., \$163.52; total, \$25,299.14. Total receipts, \$27,573.94. Town's indebtedness, \$4,209.74. Assets, uncollected taxes, \$2,227.77. Balance of receipts over expenses, with balance brought forward from 1883, make a total of \$4708.06; and shows a balance in favor of the town of \$493.92.

Thomas Kirkpatrick of New York has purchased the famous "Tiverton Heights," and intends at some future time to erect a Summer residence thereon. The purchase includes four acres of land.

Col. George O. Alexander, who has purchased the old Lawton House, is building a California cottage on Hillside avenue.

About half a mile north of the Stone Bridge House, Mrs. Caroline Gilman is building a cottage house.

The annual town meeting was held Wednesday and the following town officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Moderator—George L. Church. Town Clerk—John T. Cook. Town Treasurer—John T. Cook. Town Council—Peleg D. Humphrey, Peleg S. Stafford and Luther W. Wilcox, all Democrats.

Town Assessors.—Samuel B. Almy, Benjamin F. Mowbray, 2d; Greenwood Robertshaw, William C. Howland, David Duffee, 2d.

Road Surveyors.—Squire M. Chase, Job Woodell, William H. Noyes, Edward Hamblin, Alfred G. Spencer, George W. Felt, Abner T. Macomber, Samuel Cory, Philip Gray, Benjamin T. Hart, Timothy Brayton and Horace Almy.

School Commissioners—for three years, John T. Cook, for two years, Henry T. Arnold.

It was voted to assess the ratable property of the town \$7 on each \$1000, and \$800 was appropriated for public schools.

MIDDLETOWN.

TOWN MEETING.—More than an ordinary number of electors were in attendance at the annual town meeting on Wednesday and upwards of two thirds of the whole number of electors qualified cast a vote. As anticipated there was a very active and persistent opposition to the re-election of the former town council on account of their proceedings relative to the change of highways at Green End made necessary by the raising of Easton's Pond by the Newport Water Works. The opinion that the town council had made too large concessions to the Water Works and had not guarded the interests of the public as vigilantly as circumstances required, had been gaining among the electors for some time, and they gave expression of that opinion and of their disapproval of the course of the town council in this matter, in a most emphatic manner on Wednesday, by electing an entire new town council. The members of the former council were all put in nomination but were defeated by majorities ranging from 89 for councilman No. 2, to 53 for Councilman No. 4. Other issues entered into the contest and points were strained by each side to obtain the ascendancy, some of little consequence, but all showing how fragile is the tenure of representative governments and how they are often completely revolutionized from seemingly trivial causes.

Thomas Coggeshall was re-elected Senator without opposition.

For Representative Mr.ville Bull received 105 votes.

Scattering 4.

Majority for Bull, 52.

The following officers were elected:—

Moderator—John Maguire, 53 majority over Nathaniel Peckham.

Town Clerk—Albert L. Chase.

Town Council—

Benjamin Wyatt, 194; Noel Coggeshall, 70; Wm. F. Peckham, 100; F. A. Lawton, 58; Wm. E. Peckham, 58; S. P. Barker, 58; Abraham A. Brown, 106; S. P. Barker, 58; A. Hubert Ward, 106; C. N. Hazard, 61.

Justices of the Peace—Nathaniel Peckham, George A. Brown, George Coggeshall.

To fill two vacancies in the Public School Committee—Benjamin Wyatt,

John H. Barker. The other members of the committee are: Charles H. Hazard, Joel Peckham and Philip A. Brown.

Town Treasurer—Charles H. Ward.

Salary \$75.

Town Sergeant—John D. Blair.

Auctioneer—Nathaniel Peckham.

Assessors of Taxes—Robert S. Chase, Jethro Peckham, David Albro, William Smith, Robinson P. Barker.

Collector of Taxes—Joseph S. Anthony. Salary \$100.

Fence Viewers—James Chase, William F. Peckham.

Town Auditors—George A. Brown, Noel Coggeshall, William F. Peckham.

Surveyor of Land—George A. Brown.

Surveyors of Highways—No. 1, Herman F. Peckham; 2, Clark H. Congdon; 3, Joseph E. Chase; 4, William Smith; 5, George Coggeshall; 6, Elias C. Peckham; 7, Jethro J. Peckham.

Commissioner on Stone Bridge at Howland's Ferry—George A. Brown.

Committee in Charge of the Middletown Cemetery—Aaron S. Coggeshall, Charles Peckham, 2d, and Lyman H. Barker.

Town Sealer of Weights and Measures—George A. Brown.

Pound Keeper—Frederick A. Lawton.

Wolfe's of Neat Cattle slaughtered for sale in Middletown—George R. Chase and Frederick B. Coggeshall.

Appraisers of Damages done by Dogs—Charles H. Ward, Abraham A. Brown and James R. Chase.

Coroner—George A. Brown.

The salary of the Clerk of Public School Committee was fixed at \$25.00 per annum and that of the Superintendent of Public Schools at \$50.00.

\$150.00 were appropriated for the care of the Middletown cemetery for the ensuing year and \$450.00 were appropriated for the construction of a receiving tomb therein. This last appropriation was made in lieu of the \$300 appropriated in April, 1883, for the same purpose and which proved insufficient. The price for labor on the highways was fixed at 20 cts per hour and it was determined to turn to the former practice of allowing each tax-payer to work out his own tax if he so elect. The method adopted last year of including all taxes in one and making an appropriation direct from the town treasury for the repair of highways apparently was unsatisfactory to the taxpayers, and they refused to adopt it this year. The rate of highway tax was fixed at 12 cts on each \$100.00 of ratable property, and that of town tax, at 40 cts on each \$100.00. The town tax was made payable on or before the 1st Monday of December next and it was provided that all taxes not paid by this time should afterwards bear interest at the rate of 12 per centum per annum until paid.

The Town Treasurer was authorized to hire money on the credit of the town not to exceed in the aggregate \$10,000.00, including the amount already hired, which exceeds \$8,000.00.

\$1800 were appropriated for the support of the public schools and to be apportioned equally to the five school districts. The committee appointed to make enquiry relative to the rights of the town in Easton's Pond were continued, they not being ready to make report thereon. This committee consists of Melville Bull, Jethro Peckham and Benjamin Wyatt.

William Spooner, William E. Coggeshall and Nathaniel Horace Peckham were appointed a committee, to procure plans and specifications for a building, suitable for a town hall, ascertain the probable cost thereof and to report at the November town meeting.

A meeting of the Board of Guardians was held on Monday and the lists of the names of voters were revised for the last time preliminary to the State election. Contrary to the experience of some former years, but little discussion was had relative to the right to vote of any elector whose name was included in said lists.

Accounts to the amount of \$163.40 were allowed and ordered paid from the town treasury and orders to the amount of \$132.16 were granted on the appropriation for the repair of highways.

SCHOOL MEETING.—The annual meeting of the electors of Oliph at School District, No. 1, will be held at the schoolhouse, on this Saturday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

Mrs. Hollingsworth, Corresponding Secretary, of the Rhode Island branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, will address the Sunday School of the Methodist Episcopal Church at its session next Sabbath, beginning at 12.30 P. M., and will lecture before the congregation in the evening. The public are invited to give their influence and interest in behalf of this foremost cause of reform. The evening service will commence at 7 o'clock.

The Middletown Free Library has lately received a donation of valuable books and they are willing to receive more. The library now numbers 1023 books and is open every Saturday afternoon throughout the year. Students are free to all residents of the town.

PORTSMOUTH.

TOWN MEETING.—At the annual town meeting in this town on Wednesday last, the following elections were effected by acclamation.

Senator—William L. Sisson.

Representative—John F. Chase.

Moderator—Joseph G. Dennis.

Town Clerk—Philip B. Chase.

Town Council—1st William Borden, 2d; 2d, J. Henry Stoddard; 3d Robert D. Hall; 4th Edward Almy; 5th Henry Anthony.

Town Treasurer—Edward F. Dyer.

Collector of Taxes—Edward R. Anthony.

Town Sergeant—Frederick U. Tillman.

Justices of the Peace—Asa B. Anthony, John Roberts, Joseph Coggeshall and George A. Tacker.

Town Auditors—Edward T. DeBlois, George N. Dennis and John E. Chase.

Assessors of Taxes—Charles C. Slocum, George B. Coggeshall, Samuel Cory, Robert D. Hall, Charles Carr, 2d, Thomas L. Albro and Philip B. Chase.

Commissioner of Asylum—Abner B. Cory.

Officers of the Poor—Town Council.

Auctioneers—Jonathan A. Sisson, Stephen S. Sisson, Stephen A. Watson, Edward F. Anthony, Joseph G. Dennis and Cooper A. Eatebrook.

Pound Keeper—Jacob Marz.

Sealer of Weights and Measures—Frederick U. Tillman.

Field Drivers—David S. Hedley, Samuel Sisson, Nelson G. Weaver, Geo. G. Smith, George A. Boyd, David E. Brownell, David E. Hilliard and Pierce A. Faulkner.

Surveyors of Land—Samuel Cory, Joseph Coggeshall, John H. Cross and Edward T. Cory.

Fence Viewers—Jacob Mott, Joseph Coggeshall, Samuel Cory and John H. Cross.

Wolfe's and Measures of Farm Produce—Edward F. Dyer, Charles H. Dyer and Charles C. Slocum.

School Committee for three years—Jonathan A. Sisson, Stephen T. Sherman and Edward F. Dyer.

Voted—That the salary of the Town Treasurer be \$50.

That the Collector of Taxes have \$100 for his services as collector.

That the salary of the Commissioners of the Asylum have \$90 for their services as commissioners.

Voted and Resolved—That the sum of Five Hundred Dollars be, and is hereby appropriated for the use of the town council, to be used for the suppression of the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors within the town limits.

Voted and Resolved—That a highway tax of eight cents on each and every \$100 of the rateable property of the town, be collected by the collector and paid into the town treasury; and that the town council be authorized to assign highway districts, apportion the money, appoint surveyors and to instruct said surveyors to give notice to every tax payer within his district when he is ready to work, that said tax payers may have the liberty of working his amount of tax.

Voted—That a town tax of 45 cents on each and every \$100 of the taxable property of the town, to be levied and assessed as soon as conveniently may be.

Voted—That a discount of 5 per cent. will be allowed to those persons who voluntarily pay their tax on or before the last secular day of August, and 3 per cent. to those who thus pay after the last secular day of August, and on or before the last secular day in September, A. D., 1884, and the collector is directed to complete the collection of said taxes on or before the first secular day of October next; also that on all taxes not paid on or before said first secular day in October, interest will be added at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum, until collected by law.

Voted—That the Town Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to hire for the expense of the town—until the taxes may be assessed and collected—not to exceed the sum of \$4500.

Voted—That the town sustain the action of the town council, in regard to the highway across Ferry Neck, by appropriating \$500, and appointing J. Henry Stoddard, Wm. Borden, 2d, and Jonathan A. Sisson as a committee with full power to defend the same against Thomas B. and David Buffum, unless an amicable settlement can be made by them.

Voted—That the sum of \$20, for each school district, or so much thereof as the school committee of this town shall in their judgment deem necessary, for the purchasing of school apparatus for use in the schools—be appropriated from the town treasury for the above purpose, subject to the order of the school committee in the same manner and form as their orders on the general school fund.

RELIGIOUS.—The Rev. D. C. Loop gave a cottage lecture at the house of Capt. Alfred S. Chase, on Tuesday evening last, and on Tuesday evening next he will give one at the house of Mr. Wanton T. Sherman.

VACATION.—The Spring or Fourth term of the public schools closed last night. There will be a vacation until the 1st Monday in May, and it is quite likely, judging from the past that some changes may occur.

WRITING SCHOOLS.—Mr. H. Champin's writing school closes with Monday evening's lesson.

JAMESTOWN.

OFFICERS.—The following-named persons were elected to the respective offices at the town meeting on Wednesday.

Moderator—Fred. N. Cottrell.

Town Clerk—John J. Watson.

Senator—T. Carr Watson.

Representative—John M. Daughless.

Wardens of the Poor—P. Carr Watson, Fred. N. Cottrell, John J. Watson.

Town Treasurer—Thos. H. Clarke.

Assessors of Taxes—Thos. Carr Watson, Elijah Anthony, Thos. G. Carr.

Surveyor and Grader of Wood—Isaac B. Briggs.

Fence Viewers—Peleg P. Brown, Gleason T. Latham, David T. Briggs.

Collector of Taxes—Lewis W. Anthony.

Overseer of the Poor—Isaac R. Briggs.

Pound Keeper—George Wm. Carr.

Town Auditors—George C. Carr, John J. Watson.

Town Committee to represent the stock of the town in the Newport and Jamestown Ferry Company—Geo. C. Carr, Fred. N. Cottrell, John J. Watson.

Commissioners of Highways—Geo. W. Peckham, Southam District; Benj. F. Hall, Northern District.

Auctioneers—John W. Potter, Peleg P. Brown, John W. Hazen.

Superintendent of Public Schools—Thomas H. Clarke. Salary \$25.

Highway Committee—Elijah Anthony, Thomas G. Carr, Fred. N. Cottrell.

The salary of the Town Treasurer was fixed at \$25.

Town tax is 40 cents on \$100.

\$100 were appropriated for streets and \$700 for highways.

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